

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIDEYUKI MAKITANI) : Examiner: K. Y. Poon
Application No.: 09/518,636) : Art Unit: 2625
Filed: March 3, 2000) : Conf. No.: 5830
For: IMAGE READING APPARATUS)
SELECTIVELY CONNECTABLE TO :
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to continued examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination being filed herewith, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner amend the above-identified application as follows.

The amendments to the claims are set forth in the listing beginning on page 2 and the Remarks begin on page 7.